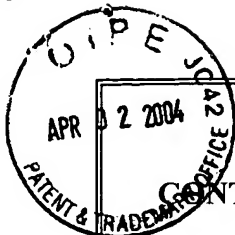


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	Filing Date January 30, 2002
	First Named Inventor: Petersen et al.
	Art Unit: 1651
	Examiner Name: Witz, Jean C.
	Confirmation No.: 8553
	Attorney Docket No. 048057/275988
<p>This is a request for <b>Continued Examination (RCE)</b> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p>	

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); PTO 1449; and three references
- iv. ☒ Other Four-month Extension of Time

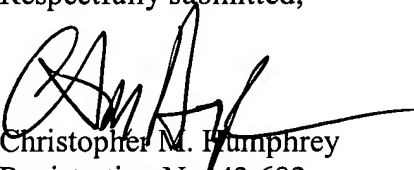
**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)**  
(\$770.00 large entity; \$385.00 small entity)
- ii. ☒ **Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)**
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed

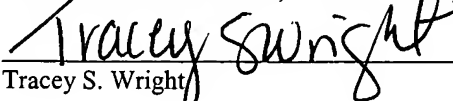
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**AMENDMENT**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Sir:

The following is offered as a full and complete response to the final Office Action dated April 2, 2003.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.